

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1402 N. VOSBURG DR. AZUSA, CA 91702  
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:01 a.m. on March 10, 2025, the Board of Directors meeting was held in person at the District office, located at 1402 North Vosburg Drive, Azusa, California. While the Boardroom was open for public attendance, the District strongly encouraged attendees wanting to attend the meeting to participate in the meeting virtually through the remote Zoom link provided below. Attendees in person were asked to please maintain appropriate social distancing to the extent feasible (i.e., maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and other individuals). Face coverings were encouraged but not required for attendees.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Placido called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Directors present at Roll Call: Eng, Knoles, Paulson, Placido, Prince (arrived at 8:10 a.m.)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Steve Kiggins, Assistant General Manager; Maria "Gigi" Jarmin, Executive Assistant; Evelyn Reyes, External Affairs Manager; Albert Lu, External Affairs Specialist; Jim Ciampa, Lagerlof LLP; Jose Reynoso, City of Sierra Madre

Via telephone/Zoom: Arrica Jimenez, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster; Melissa Barbosa, City of Azusa; George Noriega, City of Monterey Park

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**UPDATES FROM THE CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Jose Reynoso from the City of Sierra Madre mentioned there is movement on the joint well with the City of Arcadia. There were delays during the environmental impact phase of the project due to negotiations with a local Native Tribe and its demand to be present during the assessments and digging for the project.

Mr. Reynoso also mentioned that after the recent heavy rains, significant mud and debris were carried into the seven debris basins in the city, two of which are owned and operated by the city. After the week of rain, LA County and the city immediately commenced cleaning out the debris basins.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2025  
Minutes of External Affairs Committee Meeting of March 03, 2025  
Financial Statements for February 2025  
Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Dated:  
February 20, 2025, Check Nos. 12649 - 12654, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$67,379.00  
March 06, 2025, Check Nos. 12655 - 12658, EFT, and Wires in the amount of \$65,107.67  
March 10, 2025, Check Nos. 12659 - 12661, and Wires in the amount of \$4,588.50  
Disbursements of the General Fund Dated:  
February 11 - 28, 2025, Check Nos. 45037 – 45053, and EFTs in the amount of \$145,507.45  
March 01 - 10, 2025, Check Nos. 45054 – 45088, and EFTs in the amount of \$468,237.44  
Disbursements for State Water Project (SWP) expenses, dated: February 24, 2025, Check No. 1014, in the amount of \$537,169.00

Future Meeting Attendance Approval: None

On the motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the Consent Calendar was approved.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM**

**CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR SB 72**

Evelyn Reyes requested support for SB 72. SB 72 seeks to modernize the California Water Plan by increasing the state’s climate resilience and establishing long-term water supply targets to meet future water demands.

On the motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the District’s Support of SB 72 was approved.

**CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR AB 259**

Evelyn Reyes requested support for AB 259. Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio) eliminates the January 1, 2026, sunset date on the remote teleconferencing provisions added to the Brown Act by Assembly Bill 2449. By removing the sunset date, AB 259 preserves additional flexibility for individual board members of local agencies to meet remotely under the specified circumstances.

On the motion of Director Knoles, seconded by Director Eng, and unanimously carried 5 - 0, the District’s Support of AB 259 was approved.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF GENERAL MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

On motion of Director Prince, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried 5-0, the General Manager Employment Agreement for Jose Reynoso was approved.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

External Affairs Report in Agenda Packet

Ms. Reyes reported that she traveled to Sacramento with the Assistant General Manager and Board President, Steve Placido, to meet with the District's legislative representatives. Senator Susan Rubio invited the Board to attend the San Gabriel Valley Caucus event on March 20. Additionally, Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio requested the District's assistance in coordinating a water tour for newly elected legislators in conjunction with Upper District and Three Valleys.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **REPORT ON BASIN MANAGEMENT**

Director Placido reported that Kelly Gardner was appointed as acting Executive Officer of Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster.

#### **REPORT OF WQA**

Director Paulson reported that San Gabriel Basin Water management mitigation plan developed by the Water Quality Authority was reviewed and will be brought back next month for approval.

#### **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY**

Legal Counsel Ciampa reported that two bills were introduced for low-income rate assistance, and both rely on state funding. Those bills will affect the member cities. General Counsel Ciampa also reported on developments in various Delta Conveyance Project litigation matters.

#### **REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

The General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.

The General Manager stated that Metropolitan Water District has taken action to approve its surplus water sale terms, and it will be available for the District to consider participation. He stated it would be in the District's best interest to pursue such additional supplies to increase the District's storage in the basin, but it is prudent to wait for the final allocation of the State Water Project supplies, which will be in April or May.

The Assistant General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.

The Assistant General Manager reported that we are currently at a 35% allocation, which equates to 10,080-acre feet of water to be delivered. The District is currently delivering to the CIC connection and that is expected to continue. Mr. Kiggins stated that the Lario Park work should be demobilized by now. He also provided an update with Corpro's and corrosion engineering efforts after they have conducted a preliminary evaluation, and six tasks have a high priority that they want to focus on and they will provide their pricing on those tasks.

#### **REPORT OF THE STATE WATER CONTRACTORS**

The General Manager's written report is in the Agenda Packet.

The General Manager reported that the State Water Project allocation for 2025 increased to 35% and anticipated to go up this month. He mentioned that all things look good, all our water obligations to the San Gabriel Basin are up to date along with Sierra Madre water obligations, and now we should be looking to increase our storage account. He also reported that SWC responded to the issuance of an Incidental Take Permit for the benefit of Delta Conveyance Project.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Director Prince reported from the External Affairs Committee meeting about discussions for increasing opportunities for Directors who wanted to engage more directly with City Counsels or other community group events.

## **DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EVENTS ATTENDED**

Director Eng mentioned that he attended a Pure Water Project tour.

Director Placido mentioned that he went to Sacramento with Evelyn Reyes and Steve Kiggins and met with five representatives. He stated that it is beneficial to engage with the newly elected representative by conversing with them, and that it was a productive day.

## **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

None.

## **CLOSED SESSION at 9:00 a.m.**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

1. Long-Term State Water Project Operations Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. JCCP 5117 (2020 Incidental Take Permit Litigation)
2. California Sportfishing Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000181; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000183; San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case N. 24WM000185; and Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 24WM000186 (2024 Incidental Take Permit Litigation)

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT at 9:14 am.:** General Counsel Ciampa reported a closed session was held to review the two items reference above. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of those matters and no reportable action was taken on Item 1 and the Board authorized the District to intervene in the cases listed in Item 2 at the appropriate time.

**ADJOURNED** at 9:15 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors will be on April 14, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

s/Steven T. Placido, DDS  
President

ATTEST:

s/Bruce H. Knoles  
Secretary